

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 as follows:

A1
This application is related to concurrently filed, co-pending, and commonly assigned U.S. Application Serial Number ~~[59182-P013US-10021642]~~09/703,043, filed October 31, 2000, entitled "Router Line Card Protection Using One-for-N Redundancy" and to concurrently filed, co-pending, and commonly assigned U.S. Application Serial Number ~~[59182-P014US-10021643]~~09/703,064, filed October 31, 2000, entitled "Router Switch Fabric Protection Using Forward Error Correction," the disclosures of both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 6 as follows:

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Various aspects of the invention are described in concurrently filed, co-pending, and commonly assigned U.S. Application Serial Number ~~[59182-P013US-10021642]~~09/703,043, filed October 31, 2000, entitled "Router Line Card Protection Using One-for-N Redundancy" and to concurrently filed, co-pending, and commonly assigned U.S. Application Serial Number ~~[59182-P014US-10021643]~~09/703,064, filed October 31, 2000, entitled "Router Switch Fabric Protection Using Forward Error Correction," the disclosures of both of which are incorporated herein by reference.